

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A washing machine control method comprising steps of:

2           supplying water to a tub for performing a final operational step;

3           draining the water from the tub;

4           sensing the temperature of the drained water; and

5           controlling a dewatering speed according to the sensed water temperature.

1           2.       The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of performing a

2           dewatering of the water in the tub, wherein the dewatering is performed at a reduced speed if

3           the sensed temperature exceeds a predetermined temperature but is otherwise performed at a

4           normal speed.

1           3.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the normal dewatering speed is

2           limited to 1,000 rpm.

1           4.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reduced dewatering speed is

2           limited to 700 rpm.

1           5.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the predetermined temperature

2           includes a plurality of referential water temperatures and wherein the reduced speed includes

3           a plurality of correspondingly limiting dewatering speeds.